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SUBJ: QADHAFI CONTINUES SEEK SUPPORT FOR TRIPOLI SUMMIT

1. IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH WEEKLY PARIS MATCH
LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI APPARENTLY SOUGHT TO NULLIFY IN
ADVANCE ANY POSSIBLE ISRAELI CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT AND
CONTINUED TO TRY BUILD REJECTIONIST CASE.

2. DECEMBER 17 LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS THAT IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION QADHAFI SAID THAT MAJOR ISRAELI CONCESSION AT
CAIRO CONFERENCE WOULD NOT DETER TRIPOLI REJECTIONIST FRONT

FROM PURSUING OBJECTIVE OF LIBERATING PALESTINIAN LANDS.
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QADHAFI ALSO OPINED THAT SYRIAN MILITARY FORCES COULD
CONFRONT ISRAEL ALONE IN EVENT OF WAR. HOWEVER, OTHER
ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD COME IMMEDIATELY TO ITS SUPPORT.
HE AGAIN PLEDGED ALL OUT LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR SYRIA DURING
THIS CRITICAL PERIOD.

3. QADHAFI ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT ASSAD'S RECENT

VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA TOOK PLACE WITH CONSENT OF PARTICIPANTS OF TRIPOLI SUMMIT. HE CLAIMED SAUDIS HAD OFFICIALLY CONDEMNED SADAT VISIT. HE ADDED THAT MOST ARAB COUNTRIES CONDEMN SADAT VISIT ONLY EXCEPTION BEING SUCH DISCREDITED LEADERS AS QABUS OF OMAN AND NUMEIRI OF SUDAN. LIBYAN OFFICIALS, HE ADDED, WOULD BE TOURING GULF AND MAGHREB ARAB STATES IN NEAR FUTURE TO BRIEF LEADERS ON TRIPOLI SUMMIT DECISIONS.

4. IN THIS FOURTH MAJOR INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MEDIA IN PAST TEN DAYS (OTHERS INCLUDE LA STAMPA, TUNISIAN TV, LUXEMBOURG TV AS WELL AS KUWAITI JOURNALISTS) QADHAFI CONTINUES TO TRY TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR REJECTIONISTS IN ARAB WORLD AND ELSEWHERE. PERHAPS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO MAKE IMPACT ON DOMESTIC LIBYAN OPINION SINCE ALL INTERVIEWS ARE HEAVILY REPLAYED IN LOCAL MEDIA. QADHAFI IS NO DOUBT AWARE THAT EDUCATED LOCAL OPINION, IF NOT FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF SADAT TRIP, SEEMS TO GENERALLY ADMIRE HIS INITIATIVE AND IS DISGUSTED WITH ACTION AGAINST EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI AND SEVERING OF ALL TIES WITH EGYPT. AS ONE LIBYAN BUSINESSMAN EXPRESSED IT: LIFE FOR MOST LIBYANS WITHOUT ACCESS TO CAIRO FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE.
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